

# EVENT ENTRY CIRCULAR



**EASTERN REGION**

# JUNIOR CARNIVAL



Ohope Beach, Whakatane  
1-2 February 2025



## Event Overview

The 2025 Eastern Region Junior Carnival will be hosted at Whakatane SLSC, 1-2 February 2025. Junior Surf participants from all clubs aged 10 to 14 years are invited to enter for a weekend of fun racing with their mates where they can test their skill and speed across the sand and in the surf to demonstrate water confidence and teamwork.

The Eastern Region Junior Carnival has a proud history of being one of the largest Junior Surf Lifesaving events in New Zealand. Proudly developing the next generation of Surf Life Savers.

Thanks to the team at Whakatane SLSC for hosting the 2025 Eastern Region Junior Carnival.

## Entry Information

This document provides all the information you need to know to enter this event. While it contains the logistical information surrounding the event, it also incorporates very important details that an athlete, parent and/or guardian must be aware of before entering themselves or their child into this event.

Entries can be made through your club using the SLSNZ WAVES Event Entry System. Following the close of entry as detailed below entry fees will be invoiced directly to your club for payment.

<b>Entries Open:</b>	Friday 1 January 2025
<b>Entries Close:</b>	Monday 27 January 2025
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$45.00(inclusive of gst)
<b>Eligibility of Competitors:</b>	Please see Section 2.2 of the <a href="#">SLSNZ Competition Manual</a> for a comprehensive breakdown of eligibility criteria.

## Important Times

### Saturday 1 February 2025

Event Set Up Briefing:	7:00am (Includes Water Safety and Work Party)
Officials Briefing:	7:30am
Live Heats Band Assign:	7:45-8:15am at the Whakatane Clubhouse
Team Managers Briefing:	8:00am
First Aid Briefing:	8:30am
Arena Lifeguards Briefing:	8:30am
Marshalling:	8:50am
Start Time:	9:00am
High Tide:	9:43am
Low Tide:	4:12pm

### Sunday 2 February 2025

Event Set Up Briefing:	7:00am (Includes Water Safety and Work Party)
Officials Briefing:	7:30am
Live Heats Band Assign:	7:45-8:15am at the Whakatane Clubhouse
Team Managers Briefing:	8:00am
First Aid Briefing:	8:30am
Arena Lifeguards Briefing:	8:30am
Marshalling:	8:50am
Start Time:	9:00am
High Tide:	10:29am
Low Tide:	5:00pm



## Team Managers

Full contact details must be entered in the Waves Event Entry System to ensure that the relevant person receives all updated information directly. Failure to list a Team Manager may mean that your club could miss out on vital information. Team Managers and Coaches will have access to the LiveHeats Team Manager Dashboard to allow athlete scratching and team changes to be made following the close of entries.

***PLEASE ONLY ENTER ATHLETES IN THE EVENTS THEY INTEND TO RACE TO ASSIST WITH EVENT TIMINGS. MAKE ANY KNOWN SCRATCHINGS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.***

## Know Your Rules

This event will be conducted under the rules contained in the following documents. [SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual](#), including any additional amendments as detailed on the website and any additional requirements as communicated by the Event Management Committee. Please note that the Manual has recently been updated to the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition. Additionally, members entering this event are bound by the following rules:

- [SLSNZ Constitution](#)
- [SLSNZ Regulations](#)
- [SLSNZ Code of Conduct](#) (Note: The Event Management Committee reserve the right to exclude competitors from further competition for poor or 'un-sportsman like' behavior. This also applies to parents, managers and supporters)
- [Sport Integrity Commission New Zealand](#)
- [SLSNZ Sport Policies](#)

Copies of these documents are available from the [SLSNZ website](#).

## Age Groups

Competitor age groups are defined as the competitor's age at midnight on 30th September 2024. For example, if you were 11 on 30 September 2024, you will race in the U12 age group for the 2024/25 season.

For all Individual Events the age groups which athletes will compete in are: U11, U12, U13, U14. Athletes are only allowed to compete in one age group the entire event.

For all Team Events the age groups which athletes will compete in are: U12 = U12 & U11 year olds, U14 = U14 & U13 year olds. E.g. A club has a board relay team in the U12 male race, this may have a mixture of U11 & U12 athletes in the team of 3.

## Surf Board Sizes

Age Group:	Description:	Max. Length:	Min. Weight:
U11	Fibreglass or Foam 'Nipper' Boards	2.7m (8'10")	4.5kg
U12	Fibreglass or Foam 'Nipper' Boards	2.7m (8'10")	4.5kg
U13	Full Length 'Malibu' Boards	3.2m (10'6")	7.6kg
U14	Full Length 'Malibu' Boards	3.2m (10'6")	7.6kg





## Events

The following events and divisions will be held at the competition (listed in no particular order):

Event:	Age Group:	Gender:
Sprint	U11, U12, U13 and U14	Male and Female
Flags	U11, U12, U13 and U14	Male and Female
Run Swim Run *	U11, U12, U13 and U14	Male and Female
Surf Race	U11, U12, U13 and U14	Male and Female
Diamond Race	U11, U12, U13 and U14	Male and Female
Board Race	U11, U12, U13 and U14	Male and Female
Beach Relay	U12 and U14	Mixed (2 Male, 2 Female)
2km Beach Relay	U14 (maximum of one from each U11, U12, U13 and U14)	Mixed (2 Male, 2 Female)
Board Relay	U12 and U14	Male and Female
Grand Cameron Relay (6 Person)	U12 and U14	Mixed (1 Male Runner, 1 Female Runner, 1 Male Swimmer, 1 Female Swimmer, 1 Male Board Paddler, 1 Female Board Paddler)
Tube Rescue	U14	Male and Female
Board Rescue	U14	Male and Female

Please note:

- The events listed are dependent upon the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.
- The rules for each of these events can be found in the Surf Sport Manual. Click [here](#) to find this document online.
- \* U11, U12, U13 & U14 Run Swim Run have the option to use fins/flippers

## Important Information

### Gear Trailer Parking:

As per the site plan, Gear Trailers can be parked in Mahy Reserve Car parking area, or on the east side of Whakatane SLSC. Please note there will be no overnight security.

### Points:

Points for the Top Overall Eastern Region Junior Club trophy, and Top Overall competitors will be as follows:

Placing	Individual	Teams
1 <sup>st</sup>	6	6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5	5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	3	3
5 <sup>th</sup>	2	2
6 <sup>th</sup>	1	1

Top Overall Competitor awards will be awarded to the individual per age and gender with the most individual points as we encourage our youth to give everything ago rather than early specialisation.

### Live Heats:

All competitors will be assigned with their live heats AON band, the first band is free, replacement bands will be charged at \$10.00 per band, the athlete will be invoiced through their club. NO BAND = NO RACE = NO EXCEPTION.



### **Presentations – Celebrating Success:**

Presentations will be held at the completion of Sunday's racing at Whakatane SLSC.

### **Dune Protection:**

Dune protection is the responsibility of everyone and as SLSNZ members please make sure you look after our beaches and sand dunes. If you see anyone walking through the dunes or placing equipment in areas, they shouldn't be please them to remove it or inform event management. A 2m clearance from the leading dune edge must be always maintained, no equipment, tents or other gear may be placed within this area. All rubbish should be removed, recycled, or disposed of appropriately.

**Photography:** If you are wishing to take photos at our competition, then please contact the Event Manager and request for access into competition arenas. Please note Use of Cameras and Video devices rules are covered under 2.33 in the [Surf Sports Competition Manual](#).

## **Event Safety**

The Competition Safety Plan will be made available on request prior to the event commencing. The document is also available for viewing in the Event Management Area during the event.

### **Missing Person at Sea**

The missing person at sea reflex tasking can be found in [Appendix Three](#) of this entry circular. All Coaches, Team Managers, Event Crew, and parents need to be aware of these reflex taskings. Any attendees at this event who are current and refreshed Surf Lifeguards please come prepared with minimum of wetsuit top, goggles, and fins in the event of an emergency and your skills and support are required.

### **Competition Safety Vests**

The wearing of high visibility vests and Club Beanie will be mandatory at this event. Club Swim Caps may be worn under the registered Club Beanie but not as a substitute for the Club Beanie. Supplying safety vests is a club responsibility and must be in line with the SLSNZ guidelines for safety vests. This information can be found [here](#).

### **200m Swim Award**

All junior members who wish to use foam or fiberglass paddleboards and/or swim beyond waist depth must hold their 200m Swim Award. This is a mandatory safety requirement which demonstrates that junior members are confident in the ocean and capable of returning to shore if they are separated from their equipment.

### **Warm Up Procedures**

The wearing of high visibility vest and Club Beanie is mandatory during warm up and warm down, a club coach, team manager or suitable adult must oversee all athletes who are entering the water to warm up/down.

### **Parent, Guardian, Coach, Team Manager and Club Obligations**

It is the responsibility of clubs, through their coaches and managers, to ensure that each individual competitor is competent to **safely** compete in the conditions that prevail on any given day.

It is therefore the club's responsibility to ensure that competitors who are not yet competent to compete in the prevailing conditions are withdrawn from an event rather than expose them to unnecessary risk or potential harm by encouraging or coercing competitors to compete, particularly against their will. Please refer to statement (e) of the **Agreement to be bound by the Manual** section of the **Competition Manual**. The Manual can be found [here](#).

It is the expectation of the organizers that all clubs will only permit competent competitors to compete in an event.



## Medical Information

### Pre-Existing Medical Conditions

All participants and officials with a pre-existing medical condition must complete and submit a 'Pre-Existing Medical Conditions Declaration' form prior to the close of entries. These forms are to be submitted to the Event Manager by email. However, participants are encouraged to submit these as early as possible. Once submitted, the forms will be reviewed by SLSNZ and a decision will be made on whether a 'Competitor Waiver' form is required to be completed. It is important to note that a pre-existing medical condition includes a **concussion event** that has occurred prior to this event. These forms are available through the SLSNZ website [here](#).

### Concussion Protocol

1. Any person diagnosed with concussion within the 23 days (21 days for over 19 years of age) preceding a SLSNZ event or activity, who is not able to provide evidence of a Graduated Return to Play (GRTP), and provide a medical diagnosis and SLSNZ Medical Clearance, will not be permitted to compete in a SLSNZ event.
2. Any person observed or reported to have been unconscious during a SLS event is not permitted to participate in any further SLS event or activity, pending participation in a 23 day GRTP (21 days for over 19 years of age), and provide a SLSNZ Medical Clearance before further competition is permitted.
3. Any person suspected of a concussion during a SLSNZ competition may not participate in any further races for at least 24 hours, and must provide SLSNZ with the required SLSNZ Medical Clearance before further participation is permitted.
4. Any person suspected or diagnosed with concussion who wishes to return to a SLSNZ competition must provide SLSNZ with a copy of a SLSNZ Medical Clearance, which is to be completed by a medical practitioner, prior to returning to competition.

## Events Programming

The Draft Programme can be found in **Appendix One** of this entry circular. Please note that the Draft Programme is subject to change due to the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

## Site Plan

The site plan can be found in **Appendix Two** of this entry circular. Please note that the Site Plan and the Event Set up of arenas is subject to change due to the number of entries, weather, surf conditions, tides and other beach users.

## Communication

Event Management will utilize a variety of tools to keep you updated with the latest event information and news. These include:

- [The SLSNZ Website](#)
- Results can be found on [LiveHeats](#) 2025 Eastern Region Junior Carnival
- Team Reach App
  - o Group Name 2025 ER Juniors Group Code 2025ERJC

## Further Information

Please contact the Event Manager for any additional information.

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# Appendix One: Draft Programme

## Draft Programme

Please note that this programme is subject to change due to the number of entries and conditions on the day.

**Day One - Saturday 1 February 2025**

**Start Time: 9am**

**High Tide: 9:43am**

**Low Tide: 4:12pm**

Water Arena One U11-12	Water Arena Two U13-14
U12 RSR Race F *Fins optional	U14 RSR Race F *Fins optional
U12 RSR Race M *Fins optional	U14 RSR Race M *Fins optional
U11 RSR Race F *Fins optional	U13 RSR Race F *Fins optional
U11 RSR Race M *Fins optional	U13 RSR Race M *Fins optional
U12 Board Race F	U14 Board Race F
U12 Board Race M	U14 Board Race M
U11 Board Race F	U13 Board Race F
U11 Board Race M	U13 Board Race M
U12 Surf Race F	U14 Surf Race F
U12 Surf Race M	U14 Surf Race M
U11 Surf Race F	U13 Surf Race F
U11 Surf Race M	U13 Surf Race M
U12 Diamond Race F	U14 Diamond Race F
U12 Diamond Race M	U14 Diamond Race M
U11 Diamond Race F	U13 Diamond Race F
U11 Diamond Race M	U13 Diamond Race M
U12 Beach Flags F	U14 Cameron Relay Mixed (3F/3M)
U12 Beach Flags M	
U11 Beach Flags F	U14 Beach Relay Mixed (2F/2M)
U11 Beach Flags M	
	U14 Beach Sprints F
U12 Beach Relay Mixed (2F/2M)	U14 Beach Sprints M
	U13 Beach Sprints F
U12 Beach Sprints F	U13 Beach Sprints M
U12 Beach Sprints M	
U11 Beach Sprints F	U14 Beach Flags F
U11 Beach Sprints M	U14 Beach Flags M
	U13 Beach Flags F
	U13 Beach Flags M



## Draft Programme

Please note that this programme is subject to change due to the number of entries and conditions on the day.

**Day Two – Sunday 2 February 2025**

**Start Time: 9am**

**High Tide: 10:29am**

**Low Tide: 5:00pm**

Water Arena One U11-12	Water Arena Two U13-14
<b>U14 2km Mixed Beach Relay (2F/2M)</b>	
U12 Board Relay F	U14 Tube Rescue F
U12 Board Relay M	U14 Tube Rescue M
U12 Cameron Relay Mixed (3F/3M)	U14 Board Rescue F
<i>PRESETNATIONS</i>	U14 Board Rescue M
	U14 Board Relay F
	U14 Board Relay M
	<i>PRESETNATIONS</i>





# Appendix Two: Site Plan

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|  Club Tents                      |  Parking           |  Toilets      |
|  Rubbish and Recycling locations |  Water Arenas      |  Beach Access |
|  First Aid                       |  Presentation Area |  Beach Events |



## Whakatane SLSC Site Plan Overview





## Appendix Three

### Missing Person at Sea - Officials Reflex Tasks

The continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, **confirms** that a **competitor is missing at sea**.

**OFFICIALS'** response and responsibilities.

1. Immediately close and clear the water arena of competitors and craft, by...
2. The continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, until all competitors are out the water.
3. With the assistance of supporters immediately clear competitor's equipment from the beach within the affected arena/s then keep supporters and all competitors, who are **not** part of the competitor search party (CSP), out of the affected arena/s.
4. Arena Referees (AR) with assistance of officials and team managers/coaches, assemble the designated CSP into orderly lines, with fins & goggles/masks, ensuring each are "buddied up," and with lifeguard (LG) support, (preferably 1X10). LGs must have fins and a tube.
5. Arena Referees (AR) to 'standby' on their allocated radio channels for instructions from the Event Safety Officer (ESO) who will confirm the location and timing for the deployment of the CSPs.
6. When requested, deploy the CSP to sea, then observe and monitor progress of the CSP and their safety. AR to provide feedback to ESO only where necessary and only as radio traffic permits. AR should continue to 'standby' their radios for further information and instructions.
7. Officials may be called upon by the ESO to call for volunteers, (qualified LGs, whom are competent swimmers, and whom have fins, goggles/mask, and preferably a wetsuit vest) from supporters, who are able and willing to take part in the search upon completion of a suitable briefing, to form supporter's search parties (SSP). Officials may only deploy SSP after cleared to do so by the ESO or their delegate, and only when the ESO or their delegate is satisfied that the SSP have been adequately briefed of their roles, safety procedures, and the potential hazards and risks.



## Missing Person at Sea - [Managers/Coaches Reflex Tasks](#)

The continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, **confirms** that a **competitor is missing at sea**.

**TEAM MANAGERS/COACHES'** response and responsibilities.

1. Team managers to check that their competitors are all accounted for.
2. Assign only competent lifeguards (LG) to the competitor search party (CSP) with fins and goggles/masks, and direct them to their Coach or Arena Referees (AR) in the affected arena/s.
3. Coaches to report immediately to the AR in their assigned arena and organise their CSP in line/s, ensuring that they are 'paired up' while awaiting instructions from the AR.
4. CSP should be sorted into lines with the most capable athletes closest to the water and least capable furthest from to the water. Coaches to remind CSP that when in the water, searchers will take turns at diving under water to search, while their buddy makes sure they are safe and that their buddy returns to the surface.
5. Coaches/Team managers must know the number and names of their CSP prior to entering the water and ensure that they are all accounted for prior to leaving the water and or search party.
6. Team Managers/Coaches and the CSP must follow the instructions of the AR and officials at all times to ensure that the search is implemented in a coordinated manner. If competitors do not feel confident or capable of implementing a search, they must withdraw from the CSP, ensuring that they notify their buddy and coach/team manager before leaving the water and or CSP.





## Missing Person at Sea - [Supporters Reflex Tasks](#)

The continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, **confirms** that a **competitor is missing at sea**.

**SUPPORTERS'** response and responsibilities.

1. Immediately leave the beach area closest to the water, taking all equipment that you can, to provide clear open access to the water arena by officials and search parties.
2. Only re-enter the arena area, if required, to continue to remove craft and equipment from the arena.
3. Then please remain outside the arena and the designated search zone until instructed or permitted to do so by officials or an announcement by the event management group over the public address system.
4. If you are a qualified and refreshed lifeguard, a competent swimmer, and have fins and goggles/mask with you, and preferably a wetsuit vest, you may wish to consider making yourself available, to join a support search party. If you meet all these requirements, please report to an official in the affected arena/s with the equipment detailed above, and follow their instructions as directed.

## Missing Person at Sea - [IRB Reflex Tasks](#)

Upon hearing rescue, rescue, rescue or the continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, **confirms** that a **competitor is missing at sea**.

**IRB CREWS'** response and responsibilities.

1. **One crew** to immediately return to shore and pick up the LKP (pink) buoy and place this at the **Last Known Position** of the missing person.
2. Once the LKP is in the correct position, the crew person must enter the water with life jacket, at the LKP, and allow themselves to drift in the direction of the prevailing current, while maintaining their distance from the shoreline.
1. **All other Crews** - Immediately remove all competitors from all arenas, regardless of the race completion.
2. Position the IRBs on the ocean side of the break zone and LKP and stand by on your assigned radio channel for further instructions.
3. Monitor progress of the competitor search party in the water, and provide immediate assistance if required.
4. If the missing person is found, immediately return to the designated position on shore.